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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-41 stand allowed, with claims 42 and 43 rejected in the outstanding Official Action. Claims 42 and 43 have been cancelled without prejudice and therefore claims 1-41 are the only claims remaining in this application.

In the above amendment, Applicant has cancelled without prejudice claims 42 and 43.

On page 3 of the Final Rejection, the Examiner indicates that claims 1-41 are allowed. Inasmuch as claims 1-41 are the only claims remaining in this application and are allowed, entry of this amendment canceling claims 42 and 43 is appropriate. The entry of this amendment reduces the issues on appeal in that the only remaining claims have been indicated as allowed by the Examiner, thereby obviating the need for any appeal. Consequently, entry of the above amendment under the provisions of Rule 116 is respectfully requested.

Having responded to all objections and rejections set forth in the outstanding Official

Action, it is submitted that claims 1-41 are in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is
respectfully requested. In the event the Examiner is of the opinion that a brief telephone or
personal interview will facilitate allowance of one or more of the above claims, he is respectfully
requested to contact Applicant's undersigned representative.

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